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# SDI Connections



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## Max J. Starkloff Honored at the Missouri History Museum



Colleen Starkloff, daughter Meaghan Starkloff Breitenstein, and granddaughters Maya (11), Talia (8), and Kara (2)

Starkloff Disability Institute founder, Max J. Starkloff is among the 50 people selected for the Missouri History Museum's exhibit commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the city of St. Louis. This exhibit, 250 in 250 celebrates the richness of the city of St. Louis. It profiles 50 people, 50 places, 50 images, 50 moments and 50 objects.

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## SDI salutes Board Member Richard Weil



Richard Weil, Colleen Starkloff, and David Newburger

On February 10th, Starkloff Disability Institute Board Member Richard Weil was inducted into the St. Louis Media History Foundation Hall of Fame. Weil was recognized for over three decades of work at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where he served as reporter, city editor, managing editor and finally executive editor, before his retirement in 2004. Weil then launched the St. Louis Beacon, a non-profit online news source. Overseeing six years of its growth and success, he served as chairman of the board of the St. Louis Beacon, which recently merged with St. Louis Public Radio.

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## SDI Featured in INSIGHT into Diversity Magazine

The Disability Studies Initiative is a comprehensive curriculum designed and taught by SDI in collaboration at Maryville University. The program, one of the premier disability studies programs in the country, is featured in the current edition of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. Steve Foelsch, SDI's Director of Education and Training, and adjunct professor at Maryville, is seen on the cover.

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## In Progress: The Class of 2014



Officially launching the Next Big Step Class of 2014, 25 eager candidates overfilled the classroom at Maryville University's Sunset Hills campus on February 11. Next Big Step is SDI's flagship program. These individuals with disabilities will meet weekly, both in the classroom and via conference call for the next 15 weeks, to learn the best practices in their job search. They will graduate from the program as some of the most highly competitive job seekers on the market.

Mel Kohr with Nestle-Purina addresses the Class of 2014

